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Sent: Friday, September 14, 2007 10:45 AM
To: Smith; Lynne M (GOV)
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India Enters into the Latin America Oil Rac

On September, 10, COHA issued a memorandum titled "India: The Relatively Quiet, but Growir of a New Asian Powerhouse In the Western Hemisphere," which treated the potential importanc current emergence in Latin America, particularly as it affects Brazil. In the upcoming article on tł "India Enters into the Latin America Oil Race," COHA Research Fellow Alex Sánchez focuses oı resource diplomacy, particularly in its search for oil sources.

Préval of Haiti--A Provisiona Report Card: Grade B+

More than 18 months have passed since René Préval was overwhelmingly elected president of Haiti in what many regional analysts considered one of the country's most crucial elections in decades. Within a period of only six years, Haitians had experienced a number of tumultuous events. It started with President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's chaotic second term, in which international aid was suspended mainly due to accusations of election fraud surrounding his 2000 victory. Shortly thereafter, the 2004 coup d'état designed to oust Aristide and his government, led to two wasted years under the unstable government of Interim-Prime Minister Gérard Latortue and President Boniface Alexandre, whose accomplishments were meager at best. In short, Haiti was in desperate need of an effective and democratically elected leader who would govern fairly and help inch the poverty-stricken state out of its traditional despair. Expectations were large, and it was Préval, in his second stint as president, who was expected to deliver on some, if not all, of those expectations beginning in February 2006.

Full article...

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Sent: Friday, September 14, 2007 12:30 PM
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: Fw: Parnell asks for review of state voting machines

Didn't know whether you saw this from the Peninsula Clarion, but am happy to get you a copy of my letter to Fran Ulmer. I know your office has fielded some letters or inquiries lately on our electronic voting systems. I felt like enlisting our university's help would provide that independent third party review. (Should take about 8 wks from when we reach agreement). I meet with Fran ulmer next week to discuss scope of work and cost of such a study (we have some federal HAVA-Help America Vote Act-funds we intend to use).

Sean

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Sent: Fri Sep 14 12:16:36 2007

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Web posted Friday, September 14, 2007

Parnell asks for review of state voting machines

Flaws with the system?

HAL SPENCE

Peninsula Clarion

Lt. Gov. Sean Parnell has asked the University of Alaska to conduct a review and recommend possible changes to the state's electronic voting system.

The review comes in the wake of recent reports out of California documenting significant security flaws with three of seven voting systems there, including the Diebold touch screens and optical scanners used in Alaska and other states.

In a letter to UAA Chancellor Fran Ulmer, a former lieutenant governor and overseer of the Division of Elections herself, Parnell said he had recently reviewed the University of California, Berkeley, study that led California Secretary of State Debra Bowen to withdraw approval for the equipment's use in California.

Parnell told Ulmer that Bowen had listed several security measures that must be implemented in her state before approval could be restored. He said Alaska already meets or exceeds those measures and is considering additional security measures as well.

"Nevertheless, as you can appreciate from your own experience as lieutenant governor, I and the Division's Director, Whitney Brewster, want to do everything in the state's power to ensure the reliability, accuracy and security of our voting systems," Parnell told Ulmer.

The university has not yet said it would conduct the review.

Computer experts at the University of California and at Princeton University, in New Jersey, conducted California's evaluation, stating it their report that the Diebold system did not meet requirements for a security-critical system, and saying that it was built on "an inherently fragile design and suffers from implementation flaws that can expose the entire voting system to attacks."

That could include an attack from "a single skilled individual with temporary access to a single voting machine," the report found.

An executive summary of the report said the system was vulnerable to malicious software, was susceptible to viruses, failed to protect ballot secrecy, and was also vulnerable to "malicious insiders" meaning it lacked adequate controls to ensure that county workers with certain accesses would not exceed their authority.

"Anyone with access to a county's GEMS (election management system) server could tamper with ballot definitions or election results and could also introduce malicious software

into the GEMS server itself or into the county's voting machines."

The report also warned that fixing the Diebold system's individual defects piecemeal without addressing underlying causes stemming from "deep architectural flaws" would be "unlikely to render the system secure."

The safest way to repair the Diebold system, the report concluded, was to reengineer it "so it is secure by design."

Division Director Whitney Brewster said Alaska uses exactly the same Diebold system as is used in California. She noted that the California study did not include some security processes and procedures, such as chain-of-custody measures and testing, that might have mitigated at least some of the findings. Nevertheless, there were enough red flags to raise real concerns for the integrity of the Alaska system.

"That's why we wanted to make sure we are as airtight as possible here in Alaska," she said, adding that if the university agrees to conduct the Alaska study, completion would be anticipated early enough to implement changes prior to the election in 2008.

If the university declines, there are other experts to whom the state could go, Brewster said. What is imperative, she added, is that an independent third party conducts the study. The perception that elections are fair is the bottom line.

"We absolutely want voters to have confidence that things are above board and airtight," Brewster said. "If the perception is out there (that the system is flawed), that's a problem."

Brewster did note that the electronic voting system in Alaska does produce a paper trail, which is an issue in some parts of the country. In addition, an audit conducted during the certification process hand counts ballots from one precinct in every Alaska House district. If issues arise, the entire district is recounted, she said.

Monday, Parnell and members of his staff met with Alaska Democratic Party Chair Patti Higgins, Democratic Reps. Lindsey Holmes and Berta Gardner, both of Anchorage, and Kay Brown, communications director for the Democratic National Committee in Alaska, to discuss the need for a study.

In a press release Tuesday, Higgins said the state was moving in the right direction in proposing to conduct a thorough technical review of the system and its security procedures.

"Time is running short to correct some very serious problems that have come to light, and they recognize the urgency of fixing our voting system before the elections in 2008," Higgins said after meeting Monday with the Parnell and Brewster.

"This is not an issue that is going away anytime soon," Brewster said. "I look forward to the study being conducted so that we are sure we are providing the best service possible."

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To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)
Cc: Provost; Kathryn T (GOV)
Subject: RE: Public_Safety

This is a Public Safety issue, not ADF&G, so I'm sending to Katie.

Sunny

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From: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2007 10:40 AM

To: gregnsage@starband.net

Subject: RE: Public_Safety

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

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Sent: Friday, September 14, 2007 10:13 AM

To: Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Subject: Public_Safety

Web mail from: Mr. Gregory Garrels

address: 7710 Johnson Road Salcha AK 99714

907-488-1593

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palinrnrn I am given to understand that new hunting regulations can come from the board of game, the legislature, or from your office. The board of game's next opening for proposals is not until March of 2008, the wheels of the legislature grind

slowly indeed, and there is a clear and present danger to public safety resulting from a combination of the actions of a small minority of the hunting community and some incomplete language in the hunting regulations. Many rural landowners have had people fire weapons into or along their posted property. Many people have had gutpiles and other grizzly attracting offal left on or adjacent to their property. There has been property damage in the past. There have also been some serious confrontations between hunters and landowners. Sooner or later someone is going to get injured or killed either by a hunter or by a bear that was attracted to some offal. The problem in the main stems from two sources. One is that m!

any roadhunters are aware that all a landowner can do is try to charge them with trespass which is very difficult. The other is that many believe that they can do anything they want to in a right of way, and have had this notion reinforced by people at ADF&G and DOT.rnrn This issue could be rectified easily by two changes in 5 AAC 92.080 (unlawful methods of taking game)rnrnThe first would be to change 5 AAC 92.080 (1) from:rnrn(1) By shooting from, on, or across a highwayrnrnto:rnrn(1) By shooting from, on, or across a highway, or within any right of way or easement that adjoins or passes through private property that has been posted against hunting or trespass by the owner.rnrnThis change would cause no problems on open state or federal ground, only along posted private property. Bullets do not stop at the edge of a right of way.rnrnthe second would be to add 5 AAC 92.080 (14)rnrn(14) By shooting on or into private property that has been posted against hunting by!

the owner.rnrn By making these two acts game violations,!

these two small changes would vastly improve public safety with little or no impact on ethical users, and would give landowners and wildlife enforcement officers some real teeth to deal with the problem roadhunters. Most folks are going to be more worried about loosing their gun, truck, and hunting license than about being charged with tresspasing.rnrnBest regards,rnGreg Garrelsrnrn7710 Johnson Road, Salcha, AK 99714rngregnsage@starband.netrn907-488-1593

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Sent: Friday, September 14, 2007 4:24 PM

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)

Governor and Mike,

Here is an update on the west coast sea storm

Fall Sea Storms
A coastal flood warning remains in effect for the Chukchi Sea Coast (see coastal flood warning below). In a joint effort between the Northwest Arctic Borough and the village of Kivalina, approximately 230 Kivalina village residents voluntarily evacuated, with 132 people going to the Red Dog Mine and
98 going to Kotzebue. This evacuation was a precaution against expected erosion and high waves caused by the current storm. As of this morning, no damage was reported to the community buildings or infrastructure in Kivalina, but the SECC received a report that the sea wall was damaged last night. Two representatives from DHS&EM flew into Kotzebue this morning. They met with the Borough officials and have since flown out to Kivalina to assess the imminent threat and any damages as a result of the wave action last night.
DHS&EM Response section continues to monitor the storm situation and maintains close and regular contact with representatives of the Northwest Arctic Borough, Kivalina, Golovin, and Nome. The Response section is also in close contact with State of Alaska DOT, Department of Public Safety, and the National Weather Service.

Coastal Flood Warning
The National Weather Service has issued coastal flood warnings for the Chukchi Sea Coast including Point Hope, Shishmaref, Kivalina and Espenberg. The coastal flood warning remains in effect until 4 pm Friday between Cape Krusenstern and Cape Thompson. South winds from 25 to 35 mph will continue over the northwest coast between cape Krusenstern and Cape Thompson this morning. The tide will crest along this part of the Alaska coast at later this morning and in the early afternoon. The rise in water level will be as much as
4 feet above normal tides. The high tide and the heavy surf will cause coastal flooding until mid afternoon today.
The coast at Kivalina will be affected. Other low lying areas between Cape Krusenstern and Cape Thompson will also be affected, including Red Dog Port.

A coastal flood warning means that rising sea water that causes flooding is expected. Coastal residents in the warned area should be alert for rising water, and take actions to protect life and property. This storm will probably not be the only one of the season, so residents on the northwest coast should be prepared for more rough weather as the fall season progresses.

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From: John Katz [jwkatz@ALASKADC.org]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2007 11:42 AM
To: Karleen Jackson; Governor Sarah Palin
Cc: Allison Nyholm; Anna Kim; Michael Tibbles
Subject: SCHIP/NGA Toolkit

Privileged or Personal Material Redacted

To: All Governors
From: Governor Tim Pawlenty; Governor Ed Rendell, Governor Jim Douglas, Governor Jon Corzine
Re: SCHIP Reauthorization

We would like to thank you for your continued efforts to ensure that the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) is reauthorized this year. As we discussed during the NGA meetings in Washington D.C. and Michigan, authorization for SCHIP expires at the end of September 2007 and its reauthorization is a priority for all governors.

Over the past several months NGA has called upon Congress and the Administration to reauthorize this critical legislation and avoid short term extensions that would result in coverage shortfalls in several states. We are committed to communicating governors' position on SCHIP to Congress and the Administration, but our voice is no substitute for direct contact between governors and their state delegations. We ask for your continued assistance by working with us collectively through NGA and by independently educating your federal representatives regarding the importance of SCHIP to your state. To that end NGA has provided a tool kit for use by your press shop to raise the issue in your state and with your delegations. The NGA tool kit can be accessed at http://www.subnet.nga.org/schip/

We are hopeful that by working together we can make SCHIP reauthorization a priority for Congress and secure a long-term reauthorization of SCHIP this year.

David C. Quam
Director, Federal Relations

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Please note that my email address has changed. My new email address is jwkatz@alaskadc.org. Thank you .

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Importance: High

Kivalina update

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To: Nizich, Michael A (GOV); Katz, John W (GOV)
Cc: Campbell, Craig (MVA)
Subject: Alert: Kivalina
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Gentlemen:
Last night at approximately 10:45 PM SECC Duty Officer received a call that Kivalina had lost approximately 1,000 feet of their approximately 1,600 foot long sea wall. This puts the fuel tanks at significant risk. Additional residents voluntarily evacuated to Red Dog Mine. More than 2/3 of the residents have evacuated, estimates are that 50 people are still in the village. North West Arctic Borough is providing supplies to Red Dog Mine to support the babies and children in shelter there.

DHS&EM has two Response personnel on the ground in Kotzebue, they have contacted the North West Arctic Borough and are planning to fly to Kivalina this morning weather permitting.

We will hold an interagency teleconference this afternoon with Borough, NWS, USACE, FEMA Area Office, DOT&PF, DHSS, AVEC, Red Cross, Red Dog Mine, and USCG.

We have received word that Kivalina has declared a local disaster, and the North West Arctic Borough is planning to declare a disaster.

More details as we get them.

We are "Ready to Serve"
John W. Cramer,
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Always at your service
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